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SUBJECT: AMSPEC ON AMERICAN STUDIES STUART LEVINE

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1. IN QUITO LEVINE GAVE PREPARED LECTURE WITH SLIDES
ON EVENING OF JULY 27 IN "AUDITORIO LINCOLN" IN CHANCERY.
AUDIENCE OF ARTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS HAD MIXED REACTION:
USIS OFFICERS HEARD SOME FAVORABLE COMMENTS AS WELL AS
ONE DISTINCTIVELY NEGATIVE ONE.

2. OVERDRAWN ONE AND ONE-HALF LECTURE INCLUDED SOME
SIXTY SLIDES, BUT WITH LONG INTERVALS BETWEEN SLIDES.
LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS OF PARTICULAR SLIDES LESSENED INTER-
EST.

3. ON JULY 28 LEVINE PARTICIPATED IN A LUNCHEON OFFERED
BY THE ACAO FOR VARIOUS AMERICAN LITERATURE AND AMERICAN
STUDIES PROFESSORS FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN
QUITO. LEVINE PRESENTED THE PROFESSORS WITH CONSI-
DERABLE CONSTRUCTIVE ADVICE CONCERNING THE FORMATION
AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY'S AMERICAN CIVILIZATION
COURSE, THE FIRST ACCREDITED COURSE OF THIS NATURE
TO BE OFFERED IN AN ECUADOREAN UNIVERSITY.

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4. POST CONCURS WITH ESTIMATE OF LEVINE'S SPANISH ABILITY IN REFTEL, PARAGRAPH2 (S-2 PLUS), AND ALSO WITH COMMENT ON CONGENIALITY OF LEVINE AND WIFE (PARAGRAPH 4).

5. POST FEELS LEVINE LECTURE COULD BE IMPROVED WITH ADDITIONAL SLIDES AND LESS TEXT. POST WHICH HAVE SLIDES OF U.S. PAINTINGS MIGHT SUGGEST THEIR INCLUSION TO LEVINE. BELL

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